

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 03846 270237Z

15

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W

----- 091552

R 270200Z AUG 75

FM USMISSION USUN NY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1550

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3846

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, RQ

SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN THE UN

1. AS WE BALANCE ACCOUNTS ON THE MOST RECENT DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO IN THE COMITE OF 24, WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE ISSUE MAY ARISE AGAIN NEXT YEAR, OR EVEN AT THE 30TH GA THIS FALL. HOWEVER USUN BELIEVES WE COULD TAKE STEPS NOW TO DIMINISH THE PROSPECT THAT THE ISSUE WILL ARISE AGAIN IN VIRULENT FORM. SUCH STEPS COULD INCREASE THE PROSPECT FOR SUCCESSFULLY COUNTERING ANY PRO-INDEPENDENTISTA INITIATIVE IN THE PERIOD AHEAD.

2. CUBA REMAINS THE FOUNTAINHEAD OF PRO-INDEPENDENTISTA AGITATION IN THE COMITE OF 24. SUCH ENTHUSIASTICALLY HOSTILE PARTIES AS TANZANIA, MALI, IRAQ AND SYRIA MAY HAV BECOME CRAZED BY THE CUBAN DRUMS, BUT THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY FOLLOWERS NOT LEADERS ON THIS ONE. ANY EFFORTS TO BLUNT THE CUBAN ATTACK SHOULD IN OUR VIEW CONCENTRATE ON CUBANS THEMSELVES, PLUS THOSE WHO MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO BRING THEIR INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON HAVANA. THE SOVIET UNION, YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND ALGERIA OCCUR TO US AS STATES HAVING LITTLE TO GAIN FROM PUERTO RICO AGITATION AND AS POTENTIALLY USEFUL IN PERSUADING CUBANS TO STAND DOWN. DEPT MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY POTENTIALLY INFLUENTIAL LATINS AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT HELP.

3. OUR BEST CHANCE OF GETTING CUBANS TO DESIST OR AT LEAST
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 03846 270237Z

PULL IN THEIR HORNS SOMEWHAT WOULD SEEM TO LIE IN GIVING

THEM MAXIMUM LEAD TIME TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR
DIPLOMATIC POSTURE AND PERHAPS IN THEIR PARTY TO PARTY
RELATIONSHIPS WITH PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENTISTAS. PERHAPS
THE UNHAPPY ACCIDENT OF OUR HAVING ANNOUNCED EASING TRADE
RESTRICTIONS ON CUBA SO SOON AFTER THEIR OFFENSIVE
AGAINST US IN THE COMITE OF 24 COULD BE TURNED TO ADVANTAGE
IN THIS CONNECTION. WE COULD CITE THIS STEP AS ONE WHICH
CLEARS THE ATMOSPHERE FOR THEM TO BEGIN ADJUSTMENTS IN
THEIR POLICIES, FREE OF PUBLIC PRESSURE.

4. THIS BRIEF MESSAGE MAKES NO EFFORT TO EXAMINE EXTENSIVELY
THE RESOURCES FROM WHICH WE MAY BE ABLE TO DRAW IN ELIMINATING
PUERTO RICAN ISSUE FROM UN FORUMS, BUT URGES DEPT TO
REVIEW POSSIBILITIES AND TAKE APPROPRIATE INITIATIVES
WHILE CURRENT PLAY ON ISSUE STILL FRESH.

MOYNIHAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SPHERE OF INFLUENCE, COMMITTEES, RESOLUTIONS, SELFDETERMINATION, MEETING VOTING RECORDS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975USUNN03846
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750296-0033
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750811/aaaaajrq.tel
Line Count: 78
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 JUL 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <10 NOV 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PUERTO RICO IN THE UN
TAGS: PFOR, RQ, US, CU, UN, COMMITTEE OF 24
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006